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| A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). Status | | | | | | | |
| 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 E | <u> December 2001</u> . | | | | | | |
| 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL . 2b) ☑ Thi | s action is non-final. | | | | | | |
| 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. Disposition of Claims | | | | | | | |
| 4) Claim(s) 16-35 is/are pending in the application | n. | | | | | | |
| 4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration. | | | | | | | |
| 5) Claim(s) is/are allowed. | | | | | | | |
| 6)⊠ Claim(s) <u>16-18,28-30 and 34</u> is/are rejected. | | | | | | | |
| 7)⊠ Claim(s) <u>19-27,31-33 and 35</u> is/are objected to. | | | | | | | |
| 8) Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. Application Papers | | | | | | | |
| 9)⊠ The specification is objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | | | |
| 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | | | |
| Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a). | | | | | | | |
| 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner. | | | | | | | |
| If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action. | | | | | | | |
| 12)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. | | | | | | | |
| Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120 | | | | | | | |
| 13)⊠ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). | | | | | | | |
| a)⊠ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of: | | | | | | | |
| Certified copies of the priority documents | have been received. | | | | | | |
| 2. Certified copies of the priority documents | have been received in Application | on No | | | | | |
| 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received. | | | | | | | |
| 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application). | | | | | | | |
| a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121. | | | | | | | |
| Attachment(s) | | | | | | | |
| 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 4. | | (PTO-413) Paper No(s) atent Application (PTO-152) | | | | | |
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. 1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 16-18, 28-30, 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b.) as being clearly anticipated by Schenk.

See especially, column 2, lines 56-61 which indicate that the Schenk circuit was for a transceiver, which modulated the output signal. See especially figure 3, and column 5, line 22-28, the PLO includes a voltage controlled oscillator (VCO) locked to another oscillator – which operation describes a phase locked loop, which VCO provided an output signal and a feed back signal which was compared with an external reference signal, and the voltage control signal comprising voltage and current. See especially figure 2, divider 13a and mixer 15. See especially figure 2, the BPF's 17-20.

4. Claims 19-27, 31-33 and 35 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent

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form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening

claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications

from the examiner should be directed to David Mis whose telephone number

is 7033084907. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on 7033084909. The

fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding

is assigned are 7038729318 for regular communications and 7038729319

for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this

application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose

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